

Weston Collegiate School Song

Mus. by B. Metcalfe (1940) Arr. by G. Seagrave (class '54)

The musical score consists of six staves of music for a single voice. The lyrics are integrated with the musical notes. Chords are indicated above certain notes. The lyrics describe school spirit, competition with other schools like York and Runny, and the final call to cheer for Weston.

Chords indicated above the music:

- C
- G_D7
- C/E
- F G7 Amin G7
- C
- C G_D7 C/E F G7
- Amin D7 G F C/E
- Dmin G7 C C#dim Dmin7 G G7
- C G_D7 C/E F G7 Amin D7 G7
- C
- blue!

Lyrics:

WES—TON, WES—TON, Hand and heart for Weston hand and heart for the white and blue!

WES—TON, WES—TON, Raise a cheer for Weston! Fight to make her los—ses few.

Let's clean up on Scarb'ro,

few.

York and Runny—mede; Miim—i—co, 'Tob—i—co, then we're in the lead, So

WES—TON, WES—TON, Heart and hand for Weston! Raise a cheer for the white and blue!

Source: "The Past Fifty Years 1957 to 2007. The Tradition Continues.
Weston Grammar School to Weston Collegiate Institute, 1857 - 2007."

C Emin F G C Amin

Verse 1: On---ward WES---TON, brave and bold; life is for those who

Dmin7 G7 C Emin F G

meet it. Take the best from what is old;

Amin Amin/E D7 G F F/C

set you-r heart to beat it. As a sol---dier

B♭ A7 Dmin Gdim/C# F/C Amin Dmin7/G G7

goes to the war mock---ing death with laugh---ter.

C Emin F A7 D7 D7/F#

Toss your cou---rage on be---fore; gain will fol---low

G7 C C/D G7/C/E F G7

af--- ter. Refrain WES---TON, WES---TON, Hand and heart for Weston hand and

Amin G7 C (B) (A) (B) C G7/D

 heart for the white and blue! WES—TON, WES—TON,
 Raise a cheer for Weston! Fight to make her los—ses few.
 Let's clean up on Scar-b'ro, York and Runn-y—mede; Mi—mi-co, 'To—bi—o,
 then we're in the lead. So WES—TON, WES—TON, Heart and hand for Weston! Raise a
 cheer for the white and blue.



Bruce Metcalf, composer of the school song, retires in 1956.

School Song

At a meeting of the Weston Collegiate Alumni Foundation Executive early in the new millennium, Principal Sharon List asked if Weston Collegiate had a School Song. None of the persons present had ever heard of one. A few months later, Sharon's question was printed in the Alumni Newsletter and this resulted in two prompt and affirmative responses, one from Mrs. Helen (Jennett) Cooper (class of 1943) and the other from her colleague, John Wallace. Both confirmed that a school song had been composed in 1939 by Bruce Metcalfe, the school's music teacher and conductor of the school orchestra. John Wallace also thought that a Latin teacher had provided the lyrics, but neither he nor Helen Cooper were able to name that teacher.

A day or two after the affirmative responses, Stewart Hill (class of 1943) advised the Alumni Foundation that the lyrics of the School Song had been published on page 68 of the 1940 *Conning Tower*. Subsequently, Helen Cooper and Gary Seagrave (class of 1954) reproduced the music. Both music and lyrics appear below:

First Verse

Onward Weston, brave and bold!
Life is for those who meet it!
Take the best from what is old,
Set your heart to beat it!
As a soldier goes to the war
Mocking death with laughter,
Toss your courage on before
Gain will follow after!

Second Verse

Here the field and here the goal,
Hear the challenge hearty!
Take the play with all your soul!
Life's a fighting party!
When our children sing this song,
Let them not us pity!
Therefore let us stride along
And sing our wondrous ditty!

Chorus

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Weston! Weston! Hand and heart for Weston!
Hand and heart for the white and blue!
Weston! Weston! Raise a cheer for Weston!
Fight to make her losses few,
Let's clean upon Scarb'ro, York and Runnymede
Mimico, 'Tobico, then we're in the lead, so!
Weston! Weston! Hand and heart for Weston!

According to Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Hill, the School Song was quite popular during the early 1940s, but faded from the school scene after the end of World War II (1945). Mr. Hill believes that the Latin teacher mentioned above may have been Mr. "Andy" Anderson.